

Residential Program

Overview

The Washington School for the Deaf (WSD) Residential Program offers a linguistically and positive nurturing environment for deaf and hard of hearing students to communicate freely, grow emotionally and excel academically. Nearly 75% of our students are enrolled in the Residential Program, and are provided room, board and transportation to and from school at no cost to the school district or the family. To qualify, students must live more than an hour commute from WSD. Students attend school Monday through Friday, and travel home to their families on Friday afternoon.

WSD has very modern, homelike cottages built in 1999 that can accommodate up to 14 students Every cottage has seven bedrooms, a living room, dining room, kitchen, family room, laundry room and staff office.

Focus on the Care of Each Child

The WSD Residential Program focuses on the safety and care of each student. Students are supervised during nonacademic hours by Student Life Counselors (SLCs). The residential staff helps students develop positive self-esteem and a positive self-identity through family-style groupings, social interactions, and a quality staff-to-student ratio.

Learning and Development

Students enrolled in the Residential Program take

part in an integrated approach to learning and development. Through independent living skills, academic assistance, community involvement and after-school programs, students are exposed to a wide array of activities and opportunities.

Parent Communication

WSD values frequent and effective communication with parents. Student logs, sent home with students each Friday to provide an ongoing method for parents and SLCs to communicate on student progress, address concerns or ask questions. In addition, each student's SLC makes phone contact with students' parents at least twice per month and are available by email or phone.

For More Information

To learn more about the Washington School for the Deaf Residential Program, or to arrange a campus tour, contact the Office of Academic Programs at (360) 418-4351 (V/TTY), or (800) 613-4228 ext. 351 (within WA) or email linda.liepens@wsd.wa.gov.

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